

Hon. Steven W. Mahoney P.C.
Chair
Président du conseil



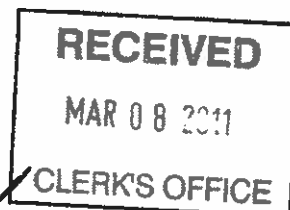
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Mayor Jeff Lehman
City of Barrie
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Dear Mayor Lehman:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you recently regarding the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board's *Community Workplace Health and Safety Charter*. By way of follow up, this is to confirm my interest in appearing before Barrie City Council to seek your community's support of this worthwhile initiative.

We know that successful workplace safety "begins at the top", and as community leaders in the City of Barrie, you and members of your council continue to show your commitment to this principle through your corporate workplace safety efforts. The Charter offers your Council an opportunity to build upon this success within your corporation, and to champion exemplary workplace safety practices for all employers in your community.

Accordingly, I look forward to having the opportunity to address your Council to introduce and jointly sign the WSIB's *Community Workplace Health and Safety Charter*. In this regard, Mr. Richard Sims of my office would be pleased to contact your Clerk's office to discuss a convenient time to appear before an upcoming meeting of Council.

Thank you for your support in our journey on the *Road to Zero* – towards lower injuries, illnesses and fatalities in our workplaces - and a safer more sustainable future for your municipality and Ontario's workplaces.

Sincerely,

The Hon Steven W. Mahoney P.C.
Chair

c: Dawn McAlpine, City Clerk, City of Barrie
Attach.

Community Workplace Health & Safety Charter

As part of the WSIB's *Road to Zero* initiative, the WSIB has adapted a winning strategy for Ontario's municipalities with the new *Community Workplace Health & Safety Charter*. Based on simple and effective principles, this charter affirms a municipal council's commitment to promoting workplace health and safety for its staff and for all employers doing business in their community.

Ontario municipalities pay millions in WSIB costs each year. By becoming leaders in health and safety, they can reduce costs significantly and re-direct those resources towards improved community services and infrastructure. Safe workplaces mean healthy businesses, and healthy businesses mean successful communities.

The *Community Workplace Health & Safety Charter* is based on the successful corporate CEO Health & Safety Charter initiative. Successful employers in every sector understand that protecting their workforce by adopting a workplace culture of health and safety is essential for maintaining a competitive advantage in the marketplace. Since 2005, close to 200 business leaders have signed the CEO Health & Safety Charter, making a firm commitment to improve their company's health and safety performance.

Since Steve Mahoney's appointment as Chair of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board in 2006, he has been travelling across Ontario championing the philosophy that: "There really are no accidents in Ontario's workplaces." He is passionately committed to the goal of eliminating all workplace injuries, illnesses, and fatalities in our communities.

Starting in 2007, Steve Mahoney and the WSIB got behind the successful *Community Workplace Health & Safety Charter* program in a big way, with a drive to get a formal commitment to excellence in workplace health and safety from Ontario's municipalities.

Ontario's municipal employers are perfectly placed to provide leadership and be positive role models for all employers in their communities. That is why Steve Mahoney has visited dozens of municipal councils since 2007, making presentations on health and safety and obtaining the signatures of Ontario mayors on the *Community Workplace Health & Safety Charter*. As the drive continues, more and more municipal leaders are recognizing that fostering a community-wide culture of health and safety is essential for building a strong community and a strong local economy.

Municipalities have an important role to play in keeping their residents healthy and safe. Police and fire services, by-law enforcement, and public health initiatives are among the many ways a municipality creates a healthy, safe, and vibrant community.

Since 2007, close to 50 municipalities have signed the *Community Workplace Health & Safety Charter*, making a firm commitment to improving their community's health and safety performance.

Community Workplace Health & Safety Charter

THE MUNICIPALITY OF PREVENT-ITVILLE

THE MUNICIPALITY OF PREVENT-ITVILLE endorses the principle that engaging senior community leadership is fundamental to ensuring real change occurs in eliminating workplace injuries in our community.

The Municipality of Prevent-itville accepts that effectively managing workplace health, safety and wellness is essential for our community's continued social welfare and economic success.

The Municipality of Prevent-itville recognizes that the involvement of all sectors of our community at every level in the workplace is a prerequisite to eliminating workplace injuries in the Municipality of Prevent-itville.

By signing this **COMMUNITY WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY CHARTER**, The Municipality of Prevent-itville is making a public commitment to actively participate within a learning community that provides and receives best practices for the enhancement of employee physical, social and mental well-being in all employment sectors within our community.

DATED THIS 19TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2007



Mayor of Prevent-itville
MUNICIPALITY OF PREVENT-ITVILLE



Hon. Steven W. Mahoney, P.C.
CHAIR WSIB

NEWS RELEASE

Attention Business/News Editors

Midland Joins WSIB on Road to Zero Injuries, Illnesses and Fatalities

TORONTO, November 26, 2008 – Town of Midland Mayor James Downer has signed on to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board's (WSIB) Community Workplace Health and Safety Charter, committing the town to eliminating workplace injuries, illnesses and fatalities.

"We know that successful workplace safety begins at the top," said Steve Mahoney, WSIB Chair. "That's why I'm thrilled that Mayor Downer and his council have endorsed the Charter and committed to serve as role models for all employers in their community. Together, we need to build a culture of workplace health and safety in every Ontario municipality where the only acceptable number of workplace injuries and illnesses is zero."

On its "Road to Zero," the WSIB runs high-profile and striking public awareness campaigns to help eliminate workplace injuries and fatalities in Ontario. The Charter is the WSIB's latest tool being used to increase awareness of the importance of workplace safety. By signing the Charter with the WSIB, the Town of Midland has made a public commitment to actively participate in eliminating workplace injuries, illnesses and fatalities in their community.

Over the coming weeks and months, municipalities across Ontario will add their names to the growing list of Ontario cities and towns committed to safer workplaces and communities. Over 30 municipalities have already signed the Charter, including Mississauga, Sudbury and Windsor.

"The estimated direct and indirect costs of workplace injuries across Ontario cost about \$15 billion per year," says Mahoney. "That's money that could be invested in communities; instead, that money is taken out of the economy by workplace injuries – injuries that are 100% preventable."

Ontario's Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) plays a key role in the province's occupational health and safety system. The WSIB administers no-fault workplace insurance for employers and their workers and is committed to the prevention of workplace injuries and illnesses. The WSIB provides disability benefits, monitors the quality of healthcare, and assists in early and safe return to work for workers who are injured on the job or contract an occupational disease.

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